

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A sporting racket including a loop-shaped frame body having an inner surrounded region in which strings are stretched in a net shape to provide a hitting area; and a shaft section having a grip section gripped by a player, at a tip end section thereof, the racket comprising:

a plurality of string holes provided in the frame body to allow the strings to be folded back therethrough; and

a string tension adjustment member provided between the string holes positioned to be adjacent to each other to form a string folding portion and configured to allow the string to be folded in a desired position,

wherein the string tension adjustment member includes a columnar member having a string-contact face on a peripheral face thereof, and a distance from a rotation center of the string tension adjustment member to the string-contact face is variable.

2. (original) The racket according to claim 1, wherein the string-contact face is provided in a tapered helical manner on the peripheral face of the columnar member.

3. (original) The racket according to claim 2, wherein the string-contact face is formed by a screw groove.

4. (original) A sporting racket including a loop-shaped frame body having an inner surrounded region in which strings are stretched in a net shape to provide a hitting area; and a shaft section having a grip section gripped by a player, at a tip end section thereof, the racket comprising:

a plurality of string holes provided in the frame body to allow the strings to be folded back therethrough; and

a string tension adjustment member provided between the string holes positioned to be adjacent to each other to form a string folding portion and configured to allow the string to be folded at a desired position,

wherein the string tension adjustment member has a screw mechanism configured to change a position at which the string is folded.

5. (currently amended) The racket according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the racket has a yoke section and the string tension adjustment member is disposed at the yoke section.

6. (new) The racket according to claim 2, wherein the racket has a yoke section and the string tension adjustment member is disposed at the yoke section.

7. (new) The racket according to claim 3, wherein the racket has a yoke section and the string tension adjustment member is disposed at the yoke section.

8. (new) The racket according to claim 4, wherein the racket has a yoke section and the string tension adjustment member is disposed at the yoke section.